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Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

## Bigger than a 'Galaxy' ...

Sailors (in desert camouflage uniforms) with the Helicopter Combat Support Squadron 2, unload one of two UH-3H helicopters from an Antonov An-124 Ruslan "Condor." The Russia-based plane shipped the Navy helicopters to the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center from Bahrain.

## ACC Installation Excellence Award down to finalists

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

During an evaluation today, the Installation Excellence Award Evaluation Team will get a chance to see firsthand what Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Airmen are doing day-to-day.

"It was announced last week that D-M and Cannon Air Force Base, (N.M.), were selected as the two finalists to compete for the Air Combat Command award," said Lt. Col. Steven Gray, 358th Fighter Squadron commander. "This is an ACC-evaluation team and will determine which base should win \$100,000 and then the base will compete at the Air Force level where the winner will compete for \$1M. We competed with all the ACC bases by submitting a four-page package in September."

During the evaluation team's visit, they will remain busy going from one place to another, while focusing on D-M's four pillars: develop and nurture Airmen, fight when called, prepare to deploy and installation stewardship.

"During the visit, they will review (how D-M) improves the quality of life, work environment and

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## Annual DM 50 Picnic offers free food, entertainment Saturday

By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle  
355th Wing Public Affairs

CALLING ALL AIRMEN! Anyone interested in a good time free of charge?

The DM 50 will once again host a free picnic for Davis-Monthan's Airmen at Bama Park starting at 11 a.m. Saturday.

"The DM 50 is a community-based group dedicated to maintaining great relationships between the community and everyone at the base," said Glen

Kerslake, DM 50 Picnic co-chairman, along with Bob Logan and Tom Murphy.

The group of business and civic leaders from around Tucson will offer Airmen and their families a chance to relax, enjoy themselves and have a good time free of charge at their annual picnic.

Free hot dogs, hamburgers, sodas, beer and more will be available to Airmen and their families. The day's activities will also feature a 355th Civil Engineer explosive ordnance disposal

demonstration, a 355th Security Forces Squadron Military Working Dog demonstration, free tours of the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center, a rock-climbing wall, a martial-arts demonstration, a live band and more. Airmen will also have the chance to win prizes that will be raffled off all day. Prizes include boy's and girl's bikes, Fiesta Bowl football tickets, gift certificates to local businesses and more. To get raffle tickets, contact a first sergeant.

Airmen will also be able to nurture

their competitive spirit with laser tag, horseshoe pits, volleyball, dodgeball tournaments and more.

The picnic will also have the traditional softball games between D-M's chief master sergeants and colonels beginning at 8:30 a.m. and squadron commanders and first sergeants beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Inflatable jumping castles, face painting, rides and more will be available for children to enjoy.

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### The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base timeline of hours as of Monday

Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual	Squadron	Required	Flown	Annual
41st ECS	145.0	18.5	1,590.0	162nd OSB	72.7	72.7	2,135.0
43rd ECS	143.0	34.3	1,398.0	354th FS	1,181.3	59.2	8,942.0
55th RQS	267.0	31.0	2,880.0	357th FS	832.2	213.7	8,998.0
79th RQS	165.0	25.0	1,845.0	358th FS	2,064.2	193.1	9,134.0

### Tailgate party

D-M is invited to join the University of Arizona tailgate party starting at 1 p.m. and watch as they play football against University of California Los Angeles Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. The U of A is offering a "D-M Day" special with \$10 tickets. For more information, call 228-3700.



Thunderbolt 05-06  
Leadership and Supervisor Suicide  
Awareness

◆ Throughout 2004, the Air Force experienced too many suicides and suicide attempts — in fact, we lost one of our Desert Lightning Airmen to a suicide last year. In all cases, these Airmen demonstrated some signs they were thinking about ending their lives. Yet in most instances, those in a position to assist Airmen at risk for suicide: a Wingman, supervisor, etc., was not tuned-in enough to recognize the signs. Sadly, they did very little to stop our Airmen from carrying out the tragic conclusion to their lives.

◆ We must resolve to change our everyday behavior in such a way that we simply do not allow this kind of senseless loss of life to happen around us. We should all realize that anyone can experience relationship, legal, financial, work or health problems that at times can seem overwhelming. An Airman's inability to deal with any or a combination of these problems is most visible when common 'risk factors' surface. Examples include troubled relationships with a spouse or loved one, excessive alcohol use, depression, legal, financial or work-related difficulties. Airmen left to deal with these 'risk factors' alone may resort to some form of self-destructive behavior.

◆ I expect every Airman to fully embrace the Wingman concept. Be it supervisor, friend, or

acquaintance, you need to know their family details, the kind of things a friend would know: whether the Airman is single, married, has kids (how many), hobbies, favorite food, etc. Airmen who know one another well are in the best position to act when problems arise. Wingmen must have the courage to embrace Airmen at risk for destructive behavior. Trust your instincts and act NOW to alter the self-destructive path an Airman may take.

◆ There are numerous resources available to assist you in your Wingman role. The "Leader's Guide for Managing Personnel in Distress" is just one tool that assists you in helping others and is located on the Air Force Suicide Prevention Web site at <http://afspp.afms.mil> under the Products menu. We must not lose sight of the fact that all Airmen will see trouble in their life. When they do, as Wingmen, we can make the difference. If Airmen you know exhibit 'risk factors,' act to get them the help they need as soon as possible. We need to ensure we really do put "People First." Thanks for your commitment to our most important asset — our Airmen.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people. Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements. The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here. Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747. An e-mail can also be sent to: [355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil](mailto:355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil). Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the **Desert Airman**.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

The Family Support Center is the service organization for Air Force families and is the focal point for family matters.

The Air Force realizes there is a direct correlation between a member's quality of life and their ability to successfully accomplish the mission. The FSC is open to all active-duty members and their families as well as National Guard and Reserve servicemembers and their families when on active duty, retired military personnel and their families and Department of Defense civilians.

The FSC's core function is matching individuals and families with the right resources to meet their specific needs. For more information, call the FSC at 228-5690.

Heidi Meisterling (left), Family Support Center community readiness consultant, advises Dawn Cooper of requirements to get a government job.

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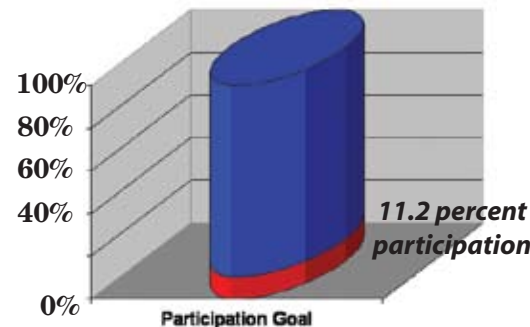
Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander, and Senior Airman Kyle Hoffman, 355th Comptroller Squadron, review an upcoming edition of the Desert Airman during the Commander's Shadow program Oct. 5. Airman Hoffman learned about the commander's job.

Agency numbers

AAFS Agencies.....	228-3904	Inspector General.....	228-3558
Accounting and Finance.....	228-4964	Legal.....	228-6432
Chaplain.....	228-5411	Lodging.....	228-4845
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Clinic.....	228-2930	Opportunity Office.....	228-5509
Commissary.....	228-3116	Military Personnel.....	228-5689
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Haeffner Fitness Center.....	228-3714	Services.....	228-5596
Housing Office.....	228-3687	Transportation.....	228-3584

Contribution update

The goal for the 2005 Combined Federal Campaign is 33 percent base participation. As of Tuesday, 333 D-M Airmen have participated.



Ready to deploy ...

<b>Davis-Monthan:</b>	<b>355th Wing:</b>
<b>970</b>	<b>670</b>
(Approximate numbers as of Tuesday.)	

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## Air Force releases names for next level of command

Congratulations to the following colonels who were selected by the command screening board:

**Col. Cesar Rodriguez,**  
355th Mission Support Group commander, is eligible for wing commander;

**Col. Dewey Holmes,**  
355th Maintenance Group commander, is

eligible for MXG commander;

**Col. Robert MacDonald,**  
55th Electronic Combat Group deputy commander, is eligible for MSG commander and

**Lt. Col. Debra Dexter,**  
currently working for the Secretary of the Air Force, is eligible for material leaders acquisition and contracting commander.

# One, two, three ...

*D-M takes part in pumping billionth gallon of alternative gas*

**By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker**  
355th Wing Public Affairs

It would take about 32 years for an average person to count from one to one billion.

Davis-Monthan is pumping the one billionth gallon of alternative gas at 9 a.m. in the nationwide Clean Cities program "Beyond a Billion" campaign with the goal of displacing 2.5 billion gallons of alternative gasoline annually by 2020.

Clean Cities has the mission of reducing petroleum consumption in the transportation sector through a variety of partnerships and programs with government-industry partnerships. Approximately 60 percent of petroleum is imported from other nations. Displacing petroleum consumption creates an investment in the nation's economy versus the country's economy that the product is imported from.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy's fact sheet on the Clean Cities program, "reaching the billion-gallon mark required sustained effort over the past decade."

The Energy Policy Act of 1992 defines alternative fuels as ethanol, natural gas, propane, hydro-

gen, biodiesel, electricity, methanol and p-series fuels. The use of these types of fuels saves gas and reduces the negative effect to the environment that gasoline produces. This act also sets requirements for government agencies to use alternative fuels.

Pumping the one-billionth gallon is a symbolic statement of the commitment thousands of agencies across the nation have to using alternative fuels. Davis-Monthan's commitment is no different.

The contributions D-M makes can be seen through the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron and the number of compressed natural gas, biodiesel, ethanol 85 flex-fuel and hybrid vehicles that have been purchased as an investment to this program, said Maj. Lee Nelson, 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander.

"Sixty-eight percent of total vehicles are capable of using alternative fuels," he said.

"We request alternative-fuel vehicles when making purchases whenever they are available," Major Nelson said. However, the requested are not always granted due to the overall availability of the technology.

## Congratulations Davis-Monthan captain selects

Congratulations to the following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base first lieutenants who were selected for promotion to captain:

**12th Air Force:** Keila Echevarria; **12th Information Warfare Flight:** Justin J. Smith; **25th Operational Weather Squadron:** Owen Sowers and James M. Wright; **41st Electronic Combat Squadron:** John Gilbert, Timothy Kirch and Daniel Simmeron; **43rd Electronic Combat Squadron:** Matthew Cunningham, Rebecca Hammond, Jason Kerbs, Andrew Miligan, Samuel Schneider, Tony Stibral and Paul Swank; **48th Rescue Squadron:** Albert Kelly; **55th Rescue Squadron:** Todd Craig, Joshua Hallada and Harold Tongson; **79th Rescue Squadron:** Robert Hamilton and Justin Long; **354th Fighter Squadron:** Alec Menoni, Gregory



Stack and Andrew Tenebaum; **355th Civil Engineer Squadron:** Mark Schoenbeck; **355th Logistics Readiness Squadron:** Nicklaus Goff and Ana Maria McMahon; **355th Operations Support Squadron:** Rachael Ott; **355th Services Squadron:** Jennifer Bordelon; **355th Security Forces Squadron:** Franck Canetto and Joseph Yakubik; **355th Train-**

**ing Squadron:** Sean Hall, Matthew Lackey and Kyle Lanto; **357th Fighter Squadron:** Joseph Hext; **612th Air Intelligence Squadron:** James Compoli, David Rivera and Joshua Stanton; **612th Air Combat Squadron:** David Fishman and Scott McMahon; **612th Air Support Squadron:** Guillermo Rojas, Jr.; **612th Combat Operations Squadron:** Anabelle Cabreja and Aaron Rubi; **755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron:** Matthew Suhar; and **755th Operations Support Squadron:** Edgar Lewis, Christopher Maxwell and Daniel Sipps.

## News Notes

### Airmen enlisted call

Senior Airman and below from Davis-Monthan are required to attend the mandatory enlisted call today at the Base Theater. Individuals need to attend either the 7:30 a.m. or 3:30 p.m. enlisted call. Tenant unit Airmen are also encouraged to attend.

### Community center closure

The Desert Lightning Community Center will be closed today through Sunday for facility maintenance. For more information, contact the community center at 228-3717.

### Power outage

There will be a scheduled power outage Oct. 22. The affected facilities include Buildings 139 and 145, Site 5 and the Firing Range area. The outage will commence at 6 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. The outage is required as part of the new 41st and 43rd Squadron Operations construction project. Any questions can be directed to the 355th Civil Engineer Squadron service call at 228-3171.

### Finance closure

The 355th Comptroller Squadron will close Oct. 21 at noon for an official function. For more information, call the customer service phone number at 228-5111 or send an e-mail to [355cpts.custsvc2@dm.af.mil](mailto:355cpts.custsvc2@dm.af.mil).

### MPF Customer Appointment System

The Military Personnel Flight continues to operate on an appointment-only basis, except for the Customer Service and Personnel Readiness Unit sections. No walk-in customers are being accepted with the exception of commanders, first sergeants, and CSSes conducting official business on behalf of their organization. Individuals seeking an appointment with MPF personnel need to send an e-mail request to: [355MSS.mpfappointment@dm.af.mil](mailto:355MSS.mpfappointment@dm.af.mil). The e-mail should contain the office wished to be seen in the subject line and should provide additional information as to what business needs to be accomplished. The requested office is obligated to confirm or provide an interim response back to the requester within 48 hours of initial receipt. Any questions or concerns should be addressed through either the MPF commander (228-5662) or the MPF superintendent (228-4169 or 228-4456).

### Terrorism history

October 12, 1984, the provisional Irish Republican Army bombed the Grand Hotel in Brighton during a Conservative Party conference. The goal of the attack was to kill Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She escaped unharmed, but four others died in the attack.

# GEICO offers award, D-M Airman to go as ACC nominee

By 1st Lt. Beth Tucker  
355th Wing Public Affairs

Called a model Airman by his supervisors, an Airman at Davis-Monthan has been selected by Air Combat Command as the ACC nominee for the GEICO Military Service Awards: Fire safety and fire prevention award.

Airman 1st Class Christopher Ashley, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection, was nominated by the squadron's leadership for his extraordinary contributions and hard work.

The GEICO Military Service Awards honor outstanding individuals from each branch of the military for their achievements and contributions to the overall public's good. As the ACC nominee, Airman

Ashley's package will be submitted against other nominees from the Air Force.

"You see a theme of personal courage, leadership and teamwork from Airman Ashley," said Maj. Craig Johnson, acting 355th CES commander. "It's all that you would expect from an NCO, yet keep in mind that he is an airman 1st class."

With other job-related awards such as the 2004 Firefighter of the Year Heroism award, Airman of the Quarter and "Real Heroes Award" from the American Red Cross, Airman Ashley's accomplishments in and outside of his job stand out. On the job, he responded to more than 80 emergencies demonstrating "calmness, speed and decisiveness to solve complex problems," as written in the awards package.

In any emergency, he has shown to be ready by responding to and controlling traffic ensuring safety of all on scene at three major vehicle accidents off base and responding when an F/A-18 Hornet encountered dangerous hydraulic failure. Airman Ashley's actions led to a safe recovery of the pilot, the \$20 million aircraft and minimized impact to the D-M airfield.

Most recently he was the lead for the Fire Prevention Week, which instructed more than 1,800 children on home fire prevention.

Airman Ashley has demonstrated leadership and dedication, and acknowledges a driving force in his level of achievements.

"The D-M fire team is the reason I received this award," he said.

"Our firefighters are a tight-knit

team whose success or failure solely depends on how well they are integrated as a team," Major Johnson said. "They understand this and practice it daily."

Outside of the work environment, Airman Ashley's high achievements continue.

As the youngest and only junior enlisted member of the Air Force Skeet Shooting Team, he has won the gold medal in both the Armed Forces and World Skeet Shooting Championships in 2004 and repeated his gold in 2005 at the Armed Forces level.

"Professionalism and leadership on and off duty demonstrated he takes his Wingman responsibilities seriously, and is looking to make small improvements every day to make our Air Force better," Major Johnson said.

## Installation

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physical plant, enhances productivity, increases customer satisfaction and improves customer service," Colonel Gray said. "The evaluation team will visit: civil engineer, services, Family Support Center, education services, hospital and health, logistics readiness, maintenance, communications, contracting, Base Exchange, major tenants, airfield operations, mission operations, security forces, and flightline maintenance."

"The idea is to show the evaluators first how well we use the resources and money we are given by the tax payers to carry out the mission and secondly to show how well all these squadrons and tenants work together to make D-M the best base in the Air Force," said Capt. Marc Tkach, 355th CES chief of operations.

During the visit, D-M Airmen of all ranks will show what each has to offer, and will highlight those individuals, groups, and programs that have received awards at ACC and Air Force levels.

"We are going to tour all the squadrons in the (medical group) to show how we all fit together as one team taking care of our Airmen, dependents, and retirees to deliver the best patient care," said Lt. Col. Shelly Butler, 355th MDG chief nurse and a point of contact for the Wing's Installation Excellence Award. "Specifically, we will be going through primary care, flight medicine, resource management, optometry, public health, lab, physical therapy and pharmacy. (These areas were selected specifically) because of all the ACC awards we have received for excellence."

During the IEA's visit to the maintenance squadron, they will see how the mission is accomplished on a day-to-day basis.

"We are going to show off some key areas of the maintenance group, including the Air Force Repair Enhancement Program, the new sunshades, the propulsion shop, the self-help project in the 357th hangar, A-10 phase docks and fabrication flight," said Maj. Theresa Humphrey, 355th MOS commander and 355th Maintenance Group representative for the IEA visit.

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— Col. Michael Spencer,  
355th Wing commander

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"The AFREP section did an astounding job of repairing parts not normally repairable at field level to keep aircraft flying while generating millions of dollars that were applied to improvements throughout the wing, including the other areas we are going to showcase," Major Humphrey said. "The sunshades were critical to mission accomplishment and morale as personnel and equipment are now being protected from the hot desert sun. This is also a good place to highlight the impressive turnaround the maintenance group has achieved in the past year. Our recovery made us number one in ACC."

"We topped the mission capable rate chart, achieved a 99.6 percent weapons release rate in 30,000 drops, achieved an 8 percent cannibalization rate and an impressive 20.8 Unit Training Exercise rate. This impressive improvement will also be showcased in the A-10 phase dock. Finally, AFREP was key to the success of the recent air and space expeditionary force 7 and 8 deployment, repairing parts that were essential to the mission. The fabrication flight facility also saw major improvements and is a perfect place to show how our personnel have led the way in identifying issues across the maintenance spectrum and how integral they were to crucial aircraft engineering decisions. Because of their creativity and expertise, we are the only Air Force field unit certified to rebuild critical air refueling and slat actuators, saving over \$558,000 annually. Our ingenuity is also evident in the engine

shop, where we streamlined our operations to become number one in ACC for engine-build programs. We produced 80 A-10 engines this year, obliterating the Air Force build standard by five days.

"Additionally, we completed the construction of the Combat Search and Rescue engine maintenance building, improving our support to that mission."

All of these accomplishments base-wide are all integral parts in ensuring the success of Davis-Monthan and Air Force. Each person has a reason why Davis-Monthan should be the best in ACC.

This base is different because of the "involved leadership and single focus," Colonel Gray said. "Leaders at every level have the same vision of how to take care of their people and get the mission done. The ACC commander's vision has been pushed down to lowest level of supervision and I really think that makes a difference in how D-M approaches challenges everyday. I haven't seen that at other bases."

"The teamwork on this base is also pretty incredible," said Lt. Col. Cassie Barlow, 355th Mission Support Squadron commander and team chief for IEA visit. "It doesn't matter what the task is, people pull together from different agencies, squadrons and groups to get the job done."

"The number one thing (that sets D-M apart) is the diversity of missions here that contribute to fighting our nation's wars; from the rescue group to the electronic combat group to the wing's dual mission of training A-10 pilots to actually deploying the 354th Fighter Squadron; to Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Center generating replacement aircraft and the 12th Air Force; everyone is focused on 'the fight.' And that includes the civilian agencies including U.S. Customs, the Border Patrol and the Federal Aviation Administration defending our borders."

If Davis-Monthan is selected as the winner for ACC, the competition will resume.

"Regardless if we do or do not win this award, each Airmen at Davis-Monthan should be proud of this base," said Col. Michael Spencer, 355th Wing commander. "You all work hard at what you do, and being selected as a finalist for this award is proof that a unified focus, leadership and teamwork make the impossible appear easy."





Photo by Staff Sgt. Lanie McNeal

### 355th FG reunion

*Mr. Earl Wilke, 2nd Scouting Group, 355th Fighter Group, salutes sharply as the honor guard presents the colors at the opening ceremonies of the 355th Reunion held here at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Oct. 7.*

### Congratulations to D-M Intermediate, Senior Developmental Education selects

Congratulations to the following majors from Davis-Monthan who were selected by the Developmental Education Designation Board for Intermediate Developmental Education:

Philip Acquaro, John Boudreaux, David Chace, James Chappellear, Frederick Humphrey III, Aaron Kerkman, Earl Layne, William Maxwell, David Megget, Andre Menard, Jr., Kevin Merrill, Lee Nelson, Brett Provinsky, Robb Randall and James Rohrbough, Jr.

Congratulations to the following lieutenant colonels and colonels who were selected for Senior Developmental Education:

Cassie Barlow, Kenneth Carlson, Bradley Grambo, Steven Gray, Craig Knierim and Tammy Knierim.

## Picnic

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“Davis-Monthan is very fortunate to have such strong support from the community,” said Capt. Sirena Morris, 355th Services Squadron and DM 50 Picnic Wing Coordinator. “This picnic is their way of expressing their gratitude for our service. It is the product of many months of planning and hard work by the DM 50.”

While the DM 50 want Airmen to enjoy themselves, safety is a priority, so alternate transportation has been set up.

Free shuttles will run at Smith and Borman Elementary Schools on base to help provide people with transportation to and from Bama Park.

“(We) highly encourage the use of shuttles because parking is limited and we will have beer available — no drinking and driving allowed,” Captain Morris said.

Additionally, Airmen Against Drunk Driving will be available to give free rides home to Airmen who have had too much to drink. They can be reached at 850-2233.

“The DM 50 is hopeful that everyone at the base enjoys this year’s picnic as they have for the past 15 years,” Mr. Kerslake said.

## Changes improve Korean assignment pay program

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** - Recent policy changes to the Korea Assignment Incentive Pay Program enable Airmen to apply for the program before or after their arrival in South Korea.

The KAIP authorizes \$300 monthly payments to Airmen who sign a written agreement to serve the prescribed tour length in South Korea plus an additional 12 months.

Previously, Airmen were required to accept or decline the program prior to their permanent change of station departure from their current base. Now, Airmen who decline the KAIP prior to their PCS move may still accept a KAIP tour after their arrival in South Korea. If applying after arrival, they may do so at any time prior to entering their Date Eligible for Return from Overseas forecast window that starts on the first day of the 10th month prior to their DEROS from South Korea.

Airmen who accept the KAIP before PCSing to Korea are ineligible to apply for a follow-on or home-basing assignment. Likewise, Airmen who arrive in South Korea with either a follow-on or home-basing assignment will lose that assignment if they elect to participate in KAIP. If eligible, they may still request one of the following extension programs: the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program; an In-place Consecutive Overseas Tour; a subsequent DEROS extension; or another KAIP tour for the same tour length.

For more information on this program, visit the Air Force Personnel Center's assignment procedures Web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/procedures>. KAIP information is linked under Hot and/or New Topics.

*(Information courtesy of Air Force Print News.)*

## CRIME & Punishment

### Davis-Monthan discharges, Articles 15 from Sept. 26 through Oct. 7

◆ An airman assigned to the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron was discharged with a general discharge characterization for minor disciplinary infractions; supported by two Article 15 actions.

◆ An airman basic assigned to the 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron was discharged with a general discharge characterization for drug abuse, supported by a court-martial action.

◆ A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron received a reduction to senior airman and a reprimand for misuse of the government travel card. This was a violation of Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

◆ An airman assigned to the 355th EMS received a reduction to airman basic, 45 days extra duty and 45 days restriction for underage drinking. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ A staff sergeant assigned to the 355th EMS received a reduction to senior airman for vacating non-judi-

cial punishment by failure to follow a technical order. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

◆ An airman first class assigned to the 355th AMXS received a reduction to airman, restriction to the limits of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base for 45 days and 45 days extra duty for underage drinking. This was a violation of Article 92 of the UCMJ.

***(Editor's note:** Information courtesy of the 355th Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office. The same offense can result in different punishment for each offender. The offender's commander considers several factors when determining punishment, including the offender's service record and impact on unit discipline, cohesion and morale.)*

### ADC tip of the week

The suspension period of an Article 15 punishment cannot exceed your date of separation. For more information, contact the Area Defense Counsel at 228-5664.





# Refusing to lose sight ...

## Military forces continue OEF battle for more than four years

By Col. Michael Isherwood

*355th Wing vice commander currently deployed in Afghanistan*

I've arrived. It took me three days, six airplane rides and about the same number of hours sleeping upright on an aircraft. My location, and that of more than 400 Airmen from Davis-Monthan, is at Bagram Air Base, just north of Kabul.

So, we're here, on the other side of the sky from Tucson. There's a 12 and an half hour difference in time. (Afghanistan is the only country that is an half-hour off in its time-zone shift.)

The land looks like Tucson, in a way. Mountains on three sides. Flat around the airbase. Dusty. Wind blows hot and strong from time to time. And, just like home, the days are getting cooler in the morning, forewarning of winter around the corner.

The Air Force mission here is pretty straight forward: provide close air support, aeromedical evacuation, surveillance and reconnaissance, search and rescue plus other tasks.

My D-M Airmen are joined by roughly 1,000 other Airmen from over 80 bases.

And, we are part of a much larger contingent of U.S. and coalition forces. The U.S. has some 18,000 Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines in Afghanistan. Military forces from

over 81 nations have joined us here.

In the first two weeks after we arrived in mid-September, the Airmen from D-M have been busy. We've flown nearly 200 A-10 sorties. To support the U.S. and coalition Soldiers and Marines on the ground, 11 flights have employed over 5,200 rounds of 30 mm ammunition. Dozens of other flights have been "angels on high," deterring and providing cover for convoys and helicopters moving out.

But the action hasn't been limited to flying. D-M's explosive ordnance disposal team arrived, and three days later were out destroying an improvised explosive device.

To put it another way, we helped protect and keep alive dozens of Army platoons and squads that came under hostile fire from men committed to killing them.

In a way, Afghanistan is the "silent war" ... known about, but not much is heard from it. That's too bad.

Four years ago on Oct. 7, our nation and coalition allies launched Operation Enduring Freedom. We did this less than four weeks after the devastating attacks in September. We did it with no prepared plan on the books. It was all done from scratch.

In less than another four weeks, al Qaida and their Taliban sponsors were gone from power.

In September of 2001, I could not have predicted we would make such

progress so quickly. And progress has continued.

The next year, the Afghan National Army stood up. Today, it has over 31,000 trained soldiers. 2002 also saw the Loya Jirga elect its first government. The International Security and Assistance Force took over providing security in Kabul. The ISAF is made up of NATO nations committed to peace and promoting prosperity here.

In 2003, the first Provincial Reconstruction Team deployed to help rebuild communities. Today, 22 teams, some U.S. but most from the international community, operate throughout the country. By December, more than 6 million children returned to school.

In 2004, Afghanistan adopted its first constitution and held its first presidential election. The ISAF expanded its mission to include the northern section of the country.

This year, ISAF expanded to assist in the western part of the country. Parliamentary elections were held. And more than 4.2 million people have returned home. All these are signs of progress.

These signs of progress don't mean we're at the point we can declare "victory" and go home. While much has been accomplished, tough and dangerous work remains.

Sadly, since I've arrived, eight U.S. servicemen have lost their lives in combat accidents.

Elements of the Taliban regime and extremists continue to hide and seek the chance to fight the coalition. They are having a much more difficult time, because the coalition will not give up on them.

But the Afghan people haven't given up either. How can I say that? Over six million Afghan voters participated in the national election last month. That was over 50 percent of the eligible voters, a rate that rivals an American congressional election.

The Afghans want what you and I want ... the opportunity to choose their future ... the chance to reap the benefits of their work ... a future free from fear and intimidation for their families.

The Airmen of D-M are part of over 20,000 other military professionals from a variety of nations dedicated to help them realize that future. This country, on the other side of the sky, has come a long way. ... and it has a ways to go.

I recall that the Allies defeated Nazi Germany in May of 1945 and Imperial Japan in September of 1945. But, I don't think we can say those nations became fully democratic and liberal societies for at least a generation.

Today, like last week, last month and last year, we've made progress toward that end in Afghanistan. The terrorists' safe haven is reduced. We owe it to ourselves and the commitment we undertook four years ago not to lose sight of that.

## Deployed D-M A-10s solidify coalition in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Capt. James H. Cunningham

*455th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs*

**BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** – Eleven members of the French army got a rare opportunity to get an up-close look at an A-10 Thunderbolt II from the 354th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron here Sept. 30. It was a visit that bridged the French army and the U.S. Air Force in more ways than one.

For the 10 French officers who are part of Task Force Phoenix in Kabul responsible for training Afghan National Army officers, the visit provided a critical link between training and operations.

"We train Afghan National Army officers, so it's important to know the operational side of the mission here in Afghanistan," said Maj. Arnaud Cervera, liaison officer for the French Operational Training Unit to Task Force Phoenix. "It helps us do our job better."

For others, the visit confirmed what they already knew about working with the coalition.

"I'm impressed with how everyone here works together toward an objective," said Lt. Col. Olivier Fort, 35th Parachute Artillery Regiment and Combined

Joint Task Force-76 French liaison officer to CJTF-76. "Even for a group of 10, it's always a combined effort. It's very impressive."

A-10s from the 354th EFS flew 500 combat sorties in September alone, including 380 direct close-air support missions.

"It is always valuable for A-10 pilots to meet allied ground forces and explain our capabilities and tactics," said Capt. Jim Roy, 354th EFS A-10 pilot. "The allies were able to learn more about our tactics and how we will support them in a close-air support environment."

It's a type of role infantry officers can relate to.

"You can feel the power standing here with the munitions and guns," said Major Cervera. "As infantry, you know you will do a good job with a plane like this overhead."

"It's absolutely impressive and very original," Colonel Fort said. "I think we will all remember this."

"This visit was a real treat, I enjoyed the opportunity to strengthen the bond with our French Coalition partners" said Lt. Col. Mark Danigole, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander. "I look forward to next week when I will tour a French



Lt. Col. Mark Danigole, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group deputy commander, and Lt. Col. Olivier Fort, 35th Parachute Artillery Regiment and Combined Joint Task Force 76 French liaison officer to Combined Joint Task Force 76, listen to a discussion about the A-10's role in Afghanistan Sept. 30.

Mirage 2000D. These small exchanges help develop relationships that enable us to work together more effectively."



# MPF aims to keep Airmen up-to-date on personnel issues

**Chief Master Sgt. Sharon R. Turk**  
*Military Personnel Flight superintendent*

As the Air Force begins its transformation, Airmen from D-M may notice a significantly fewer number of personnelists at the Military Personnel Flight.

The days of walking into a MPF staffed with 40 to 50 personnelists is no longer. As a personnelist for 22 years, I must admit it pains me to say that our role is changing; however, change is necessary to ensure operational efficiencies.

According to former Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John P. Jumper, “mission-critical requirements are driving the need to transform. We must redirect manpower resources to the warfighting capability, leverage technology that will create anytime, anywhere self-service and improve the quality of personnel services delivered to the total force.”

The personnel transformation will result in more efficient and convenient service to commanders and their people, increase the number of people in warfighting skills, and increase our focus on force development.

Changes include: only providing face-to-face support when required, migrating transactions to the Internet and contact centers to improve convenience, speed and accuracy, establishing objective mission support squadrons and major command directorate of personnel organizations to focus more on strategic advisory services, ultimately

reducing the personnel footprint to reallocate positions to the warfighting operations and “stressed” career fields.

Some people may wonder how this change will benefit them. This change will have improved access to accurate information through the use of 24/7 service via the web and the contact center. Information will be available for worldwide access from both .mil and .com nets. In addition, individuals will have immediate access to personnel data and general information with more direct control over career-affecting matters. People will spend less time traveling to or making an appointment with offices within the MPF. Finally, experts will be available at base levels and the contact center.

Today accessing the Virtual Military Personnel Flight, Airmen will see an array of information and applications, such as:

Individual Information Data:

- ◆ Duty History
- ◆ Overseas Data
- ◆ Performance Report History
- ◆ Decorations
- ◆ Education and training information
- ◆ Service dates
- ◆ Assignment briefings

Applications:

- ◆ Assignments: humanitarian, exceptional family member program, voluntary stabilized assignment program, permissive, joint spouse, etc.

## Personnel Transformation Briefings:

In an effort to inform Airmen where the transformation currently is, what changes to expect in the future and what Air Force personnel can do right now to ease their own transition into the new process, the Military Personnel Flight will conduct quarterly base-wide Personnel Transformation Briefings. The next set of briefings is scheduled for Oct. 25 and 27 at the Base Theater. These one-hour sessions are scheduled to start at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day.

- ◆ Reenlistments: TRAC Briefing, high year of tenure and best interest of the Air Force extension request
  - ◆ Retirements: retirement briefing, entitlements counseling, DD Form 214 worksheet, pre-application checklist
  - ◆ Retraining: retraining application status inquiry
- The vMPF will continue to change. The MPF will keep Airmen informed as new applications are placed on the vMPF. This is just a start toward the personnel transformation and we want the D-M community to be ready.

# Davis-Monthan internal ESOHCAMP assessment finds room for improvement, Airmen to learn from

By Senior Airman Brandy Dupper-Macy  
355th Wing Public Affairs

During an Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Capability Assessment and Management Program internal inspection Sept. 19 through 23, Davis-Monthan Airmen stood ready.

The purpose of the assessment was to assess D-M's vulnerability to outside enforcement agencies (Environmental Protection Agency, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, state, and local regulatory agencies), said Timothy Jackson, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron Wing ESOHCAMP program manager. "We did well and have healthy ESOH programs, but need to establish more consistency and continuity throughout the installation."

The assessment was established to find strong programs throughout the base and find areas for improvement.

During the assessment, individuals who had ESOH managers embedded into their organizations fared better than ones that did not, Mr. Jackson said. Units can improve their assessments in the future by having a better mandatory recycling program, hazardous material management, managing eyewash stations and reducing the chemical hazards in the workplace.

In the outbrief, some areas had problems that could easily be corrected.

One of the challenges found was the emergency eyewash stations. Inspec-

### D-M's outstanding ESOHCAMP individuals include ...

Congratulations to the following individuals who did exceptionally well during the Environmental, Safety and Occupational Health Capability Assessment and Management Program internal inspection Sept. 19. The following individuals received coins:

- ◆ Amelio Careaga, 355th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical technician: was recognized for having an outstanding Lock-out Tag-out program.
- ◆ Misty Garza, 355th CES material handler and hazardous material technician: was identified as a top performer for her proactive approach to hazardous material management.
- ◆ Senior Airman Brian Simpson, 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron munitions maintenance

technician: he established a hazmat quick-issue kit that allows for total accountability of hazmat in several workcenters and resulted in zero findings in his flight.

- ◆ Master Sgt. Leah Proffitt, 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron environmental engineer: as the protocol lead for hazardous material, she was responsible for the final decision on the validity of more than 100 hazmat findings.
- ◆ Tech. Sgt. Derek Levie, 563rd Maintenance Squadron HH-60 phase dock chief: he identified recycling items such as copier paper, plastics, metals, etc. Recycling containers are clearly identified and conveniently located for maximum usage. He reduced his unit's and the wing's solid waste numbers, and should be used as an example for others to follow.

tions of the eyewash stations failed to have inspections documented and the shut-off valve was not marked. Individuals are encouraged to implement a simple checklist and inspection form.

Another write up was having food and drinks in industrial areas. Individuals are encouraged to establish and enforce shop procedures. Ensuring Air Force Form 3952s, barcodes

and Material Safety Data Sheets are in place is also recommended.

A simple improvement would be to ensure dumpsters are closed and that recyclables go to the recycle center.

In addition to these improvements, commanders are also encouraged to consider having ESOH managers in their areas.

Some Davis-Monthan individuals stood out from the crowd and went

above the call of duty, establishing some programs that benefit the assessment process. (Those individuals are listed to the left.)

According to the ESOHCAMP Web site, the next step in the ESOHCAMP process is for commanders or their points of contact to develop corrective actions to all findings associated with their unit. This must be done by close of business Nov. 7 by using the ESOHCAMP Closure/Update form. If an individual has a finding that will remain open after Nov. 7, then they will be required to provide an update to all open findings every quarter beginning Feb. 7. This will be done until all findings are closed.

Ensuring Davis-Monthan complies is vital to the success of future inspections.

"It's important that we continually look hard at ourselves, because we never know when federal and state regulators will be knocking on our door," Mr. Jackson said. "We get them all the time."

### For more information:

For more information on the results of the assessment or what to improve, individuals with access to the Davis-Monthan intranet site can go to [https://355ces/Environmental/Env-ProtWebRevEnvironmental%20Programs/assess\\_progs/ESO-HCAMP/INDEX.html](https://355ces/Environmental/Env-ProtWebRevEnvironmental%20Programs/assess_progs/ESO-HCAMP/INDEX.html).



Final Answer

Who is the greatest American and why?



**Senior Airman  
Amber Yankulov**  
*355th Mission Support  
Squadron*

“Martin Luther King, Jr. because of what he did for the time.”



**Senior Master Sgt.  
Ken Davis**  
*612th Air Intelligence  
Group*

“James Madison; he’s the author of the Constitution.”



**Senior Airman  
Christopher Hicks**  
*43rd Electronic Combat  
Squadron*

“Martin Luther King, Jr. because we’ve come so far since his days partly because we stood up for what he believed in.”



**Will Jordan**  
*355th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron*

“Billy Graham. He’s always been my hero. He always traveled and made the point of God.”



**Tech. Sgt.  
Mark Lula**  
*355th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron*

“I think everyone who wears this uniform is the greatest American.”



**Master Sgt.  
Joe Saxton**  
*43rd Electronic  
Combat Squadron*

“Ronald Reagan because he was known as a great communicator. After reading some of his writings, I was able to see how thorough and explicit he was in handwriting notes.”

# Talk’n with deployed desert comm

Deployed communications operations, leadership shares perspective

**Maj. Jeffrey Sorrell**  
*506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron commander*

**KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq** — It’s very exciting and challenging to be deployed in the combat zone and I’m happy to say the Expeditionary Communications Squadron team is operating at a high level with extreme pride, commitment and morale. We’ve established three focus areas:

1. Force protection (my number one priority),
2. Mission service and
3. Squadron morale.

Everything we do will have one or more of these areas at the forefront.

Finally, the Air Force continues to take care of its people because the food is pretty good, the rooms are decent. And the weather is starting to cool down.

Desert comm ... Now You’re Talk’n!



Photo by Senior Airman Kristin Ruleau

**KIRKUK REGIONAL AIR BASE, Iraq** — Senior Airman Shanna Franco, 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron, receives the Weekly Warrior award from Maj. Jeffrey Sorrell, 506th ECS commander. Both are deployed to Kirkuk Regional Air Base from the 355th Communications Squadron.

*(Editor’s note: Major Sorrell is deployed from the 355th Communications Squadron. This information comes from the bimonthly 506th ECS newsletter. The **Desert Airman** will spotlight award winners from D-M and Major Sorrell’s deployed comments.*

# Free Car Care Check-Up

The 15th annual free Car Care Check-Up is being held Oct. 22 at the Pima Community College Downtown Campus.

The Car Check-Up program is designed to reduce air pollution in Pima County by encouraging drivers to properly maintain their vehicles. Automotive professionals and students volunteer their time and expertise to perform inspections on participating vehicles. Vehicles go through inspection stations and receive a report on how their vehicle checks out.

Any Pima County resident is eligible for the free check-up. The checks will consist of maintenance, general safety, tire and emissions checks and under-the-hood inspections.

Additionally, free consultations are available with automotive professionals regarding vehicle problems.

The event will be held at 1255 N. Stone Avenue from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It takes between 20 minutes and one hour to go through the inspection depending on the vehicle’s condition and the number of people in line.

Hazardous materials, such as automotive fluids, paint and cleansing products, medicines, batteries, pesticides and more can be brought for proper recycling.





## Sonoran Spotlight

**(Editor's note:** *Sonoran Spotlight* is a weekly feature of the **Desert Airman** that profiles a member — officer, enlisted or civilian — of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.)

This week's Sonoran Spotlight is Staff Sgt. Patrick Dougherty, 41st Aircraft Maintenance Unit. Sergeant Dougherty manages maintenance on EC-130 aircraft. Sergeant Dougherty was nominated for the award because "he was the lead crew chief on two aircraft deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom at two separate locations," said Master Sgt. James Boles, 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron first sergeant.

The following are Sergeant Dougherty's responses to a variety of questions:

**What are your career goals?** To make rank as quickly as possible and complete both my Community College of the Air Force and bachelor's degrees.

**What has been your best assignment and why?** Davis-Monthan. This is where I've met some life-long friends and especially my wife.

**If you were an Air Force recruiter, what would you tell people about the Air Force?** It's a great opportunity to see the world and get a free education.

**What is the best advice you've received in the Air Force?** Don't give anyone a product that you would not want yourself.

**What is your most memorable moment in the Air Force?** There are too many to count, but being deployed, I have seen a lot of places



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

that I would not have been able to see otherwise.

**What's your favorite place to go in Tucson and why?** Tucson Electric Park during spring training. It's the greatest place to see sports heroes up close for a reasonable price.

**Name someone who inspires you:** My wife; She works full time, takes care of our son and is able to put up with me being gone for long periods of time.

## Volunteers needed



The Pima County Special Olympics is looking for volunteers to help with the biggest competition of the year, the 2005 Area Bowling Competition.

The event is Oct. 27 through 29 with two sessions from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day at Fiesta Lanes on 501 W. River Road.

Nearly 800 athletes are expected to compete over the course of the three days. Volunteers are needed to assist with monitoring the lanes, scoring, distributing lunches and a variety of other tasks.

Volunteers are especially needed Thursday and Friday due to the increased number of competitors.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact William "Bill" Anderson, Special Olympics D-M volunteer coordinator at 228-7156 or send an e-mail to [william.anderson@dm.af.mil](mailto:william.anderson@dm.af.mil). Provide days and times available to volunteer.







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## Twelfth Air Force Airmen aid Katrina effort

by 2nd Lt. Christina Mundy  
12 Air Force Public Affairs

Through physical strength and determination Twelfth Air Force Airmen stepped up to the plate and helped Katrina victims by building evacuee camps, conducting search and rescue efforts, and some compassionate Airmen even helped from thousands of miles away.

Twelfth Air Force members from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., were some of the first on the ground setting up tents so incoming support personnel had a place to live.

While the Holloman Airmen built tents, others closer to home raised funds for the displaced citizens.

Senior Airman Jonathan Haley and Staff Sgt. Brian Stolpe, 612th Air Intelligence Squadron, took the opportunity to raise funds and donations through Davis-Monthan AFB for Katrina victims.

Both Airmen helped victims in two separate ways based on their internal motivation to give and help fellow Americans in need.

"The Air Force takes care of its own, and in a reflection of looking at this natural disaster, America is taking care of itself and we're helping that," said Sergeant Stolpe.

He was on a day of leave from work on the computer when he saw an e-mail regarding possible school supplies for the children displaced in Tucson after Hurricane Katrina hit the gulf coast Aug. 29.

He immediately called fellow of-ficemate Master Sgt. Joe Lopez, 612th AIS, who was also on leave, and they came together with the program to get the base involved with a school supply backpack drive for the displaced children temporarily living in Tucson.

Both Sergeants Stolpe and Lopez agreed that in situations like this when people get displaced, sometimes what tends to get lost are the children.

"When you measure the cost alone for putting a backpack together espe-



photo by Airman 1st Class Veronica Pierce

NEW ORLEANS — Airmen erect tents at Louis Armstrong International Airport Sept. 4. The tents were flown in from the 49th Materiel Maintenance Group at Holloman Air Force Base, N.M., to house workers supporting the Hurricane Katrina relief effort. Approximately 8,000 active-duty, Air National Guard, and Reserve Airmen have supported the Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

cially for families that have four or five children it can be hard to even get the basic needs to get into school," said Sergeant Stolpe, "we just felt that helping was necessary."

Working with the Tucson Unified School district Sergeant Stolpe was able to get a generic list of items that each student would need for their specific grade.

The supply list ranged from Kindergarten to seniors in high school.

"I put the message out on Friday (Sept.9), in a mass e-mail to the base, and by Wednesday (Sept. 14) we accumulated 39 backpacks for students, from various units on base. And an additional 23 backpacks were dropped off to the Tucson Unified School District, to total 62 backpacks," said Sergeant Stolpe.

But, the giving didn't stop with the backpacks.

Airman Haley was inspired to start a flight competition to raise money for the victims of Katrina after a squadron commander's call.

At the commander's call the 612th AIS intern commander Maj. Robin

Heikkinen, suggested that individuals should donate to the Red Cross to help Katrina victims. But after a poor donation turnout Haley saw this as a prime opportunity to go above and beyond for the Katrina victims.

"After being told by Major Heikkinen that the Red Cross needed donations I thought that it would be a great idea to have a flight competition," said Airman Haley.

"It would be a way to get as much money as possible for the victims."

In just three days Airman Haley raised more than \$2,700 dollars from contributions made by the members of the 612th AIS and the 612th Air Intelligence Group. The donation was given to the Red Cross of Tucson.

"It's not fair to the people that have had their family and friends lives destroyed by Katrina, and we are here to unite to do whatever we can for them," said Airman Haley.

Members interested in making donations to the victims of Hurricane Katrina and Rita should contact the Red Cross of Tucson.

### 2005 Air Force Climate Survey

1. The 2005 Air Force Climate Survey will run Oct. 1 through Nov. 5. To complete the survey surf to: <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil/>

This web-based survey seeks feedback from Air Force personnel on a wide range of issues impacting unit effectiveness. Survey results remain completely anonymous and are a direct avenue to senior Air Force leadership - as emphasized by this year's theme, "Speak Today and Shape Tomorrow."

2. Point of contacts have been established for every Air Combat Command installation and headquarters directorate to help ensure a maximum participation rate (100 percent opportunity). Installation POCs may be contacted through your wing manpower office.

3. The Chief values this tool's power to take the pulse of the Air Force and obtain crucial insight into important issues that concern our people.

Survey results will be available in early 2006.

4. The Twelfth Air Force POC for the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey is Mr. Les Guardado, 12th AF/MO. For more information contact him at 228-2079, or via email at [leslie.guardado@dm.af.mil](mailto:leslie.guardado@dm.af.mil).

### Got a story idea?

Does your workcenter have a new mission or some hi-tech equipment? Has someone in your unit recently participated in a major sports event or have a unique hobby, call Twelfth Air Force Public Affairs at 228-3829.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Lohr

## El Salvadoran Air Force members visit D-M

Capt. Gilberto Vazquez (right), 612th Air Communications Squadron chief of the systems integration and engineering branch, briefs a six-person delegation from the El Salvadoran Air Force that visited Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Sept. 12-16.

The visit to 612th ACOMS was part of a subject matter expert exchange with the U.S. Air Force, primarily with logistics and maintenance units.

Twelfth Air Force is dual hatted as the air and space component to U.S. Southern Command, in this capacity 12th Air Force is referred to as U.S. Southern Command Air Forces, headquartered at D-M.

USSOUTHAF is responsible for strengthening relationships with air forces from more than 30 countries in the USSOUTHCOM area of operations, which includes the Caribbean and Central and South America.



## Combined Federal Campaign 2005 September 14 – December 15

- Includes all Federal Employees world wide
- Largest single charitable campaign in the world
- Over \$257 million last year
- Primarily a payroll deduction campaign

### Members interested in making a donation should contact their squadron CFC representative:

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|   | * <b>612th CPS:</b> Capt. Brian Baude           |



# Cannon Air Expo a Success



Photo by the 27th Communications Squadron

Lt. Gen. Mark Schmidt, Twelfth Air Force commander signs a memento for five-year-old Amy Carter, daughter of Wade and Christie Carter of New Mexico, after she sang the national anthem during the POW/MIA ceremony which kicked-off the 2005 Cannon Air Expo, last month. The Air Expo delivered one-full day of air power to a crowd of more than 8,000 people. The aerial performances started with a Cannon F-16 flyover, followed by aerial performances by the U.S. Army Golden Knights, the F-16 West Coast demo team, a Silent Wings glider, a MiG-17, and other performances by an AT-6, T-33, C-47, P-47 and Zero.

# SALUTE!

Congratulations to Headquarters, Twelfth Air Force Quarterly Award Winners (third quarter of 2005):

- \* **Maj. Robert Cavin**, 612th Air Operations Group
  - \* **1st Lt Richard Adams**, 474th Operations Group
  - \* **Master Sgt. David Frazier**, 474th OG
  - \* **Tech. Sgt. Christian Hendrick**, 612th AOG
  - \* **Senior Airman Larry Frazier**, 474th OG
- \* **Mr. James Knoll**, U.S. Southern Command Air Forces counterdrug section - Senior Civilian of the Quarter
- \* **Ms. Ruby Johnson**, 612th Air Communications Squadron - Junior Civilian of the Quarter



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# Changes empower warfighting Airmen

By Lt. Col. Thomas Brown

355th Civil Engineer Squadron commander

Here's one for you.

You're asleep, dreaming away. In your dream, you're a major league baseball pitcher, the ace player on your team (say, the Red Sox), and tomorrow is game seven of the World Series.

The manager has tapped you as starting pitcher and everything is a go — you've never felt better, you're in your zone — ready to lead your team to victory.

In your dream, you wake up on game day, and your world is turned upside down — you find yourself in a pro football locker room (say, the New England Patriots), and you're now the starting quarterback in the Super Bowl.

You panic ... your last football game was in high school, and you were a linebacker, not a quarterback — you can't read a defense any better than you can read ancient Aramaic.

You wake up in a cold sweat.

Nightmare? You bet.

Now put yourself in the shoes of your fellow Airmen here at D-M. Many of your Desert Lightning teammates have found themselves in essentially the same situation.

Since the day they entered the Air Force, their basic training, technical school and home-station training have prepared them for certain missions, both here and in a deployed environment.

Then their Air Expeditionary Force cycle comes around and they find themselves deploying to the area of responsibility in direct support of Army units, tasked with missions they've never seriously trained for.

More and more, our engineers find themselves in this situation. For the first few years of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, they did what they were trained to do — build and maintain bases.

But today, there are new missions on their task list, with limited "just in time" training to prepare. In the past six months, I've gotten feedback from deployed members of our squadron.

A few examples: last month two of my Airmen deployed to the AOR.

When they got to their assigned base, they replaced their M-16s with M-4s and were promptly assigned to full-time duty as .50-caliber gunners on a "four-service" convoy team (led by a Marine gunnery sergeant).

Their job: man the crew-served weapons on their team and run convoys all day, every day.

Other civil engineer troops who recently returned from the AOR showed up at their deployed bases and were assigned "Soldier's details," everything from manning guard towers to serving as front-gate vehicle checkers.

These Airmen were trained as draftsmen, construction inspectors, electricians, and heavy-equipment operators, and on day one in the AOR, they became battlefield Airmen.

Even our explosives ordinance disposal team and fire protection are finding themselves with combat missions they had not seen in years past. Although their training programs did prepare



Courtesy photo

them for the full range of combat operations, they now find themselves tasked with much more demanding missions than ever before.

The EOD team is outside the wire every day, defeating the enemy's weapon of choice, the improvised explosive device.

Our "fire dawgs" are putting their emergency-care skills to the test every day, triaging casualties and saving lives with first-responder care to the wounded, inside and outside the perimeter fence line.

These are just a few missions our folks are carrying out every day throughout the OIF and OEF theaters of operation.

And it's not just CE Airmen. There are countless others, from career fields which some still think of as "support" ... our Airmen, deployed in harm's way, carrying out operational missions they never imagined they'd be asked to accomplish.

We are in the middle of a revolutionary change in the way we conduct our operations (a loose definition of military doctrine). As with many doctrine changes, this one is being driven by what's happening (and working) at the tactical level of war.

Specifically, we're seeing a significant adjustment in service roles and missions, and an evolving concept of "support" and "operations."

Years ago, the Air Force outlined a revolutionary concept: The definitions of "tactical" and "strategic" were not specific to an airframe, but depended on how a particular aspect of airpower was employed.

A B-52, for example, could accomplish a tactical strike in direct support of ground forces; similarly, an F-15E with a Joint Direct Attack Munitions could accomplish a strike of strategic importance.

For an Air Force that grew up with Tactical Air Command's fighters and Strategic Air Command's bombers and missiles, that idea took some getting used to.

But ultimately, the concept was proven after a highly-successful air campaign in Afghanistan.

Today, another new concept is taking place. For generations, our forces were split up into two broad groups — "operations" and "support" (for simplicity, I'm leaving out medical and including maintenance crews in support).

*All deploying Airmen have gone through the Ready to Deploy training in the past eight months. With a curriculum built from lessons learned from deployed areas of responsibility, this is one example of the changes that have taken place that empower warfighting Airmen to better meet the needs of the current mission.*

Operators flew airplanes and performed a variety of missions; air-to-air, air-to-ground, search and rescue and airlift. Support personnel fixed and fueled airplanes, built, maintained, and secured air bases, served meals and moved supplies, etc.

Those broad groupings no longer adequately describe how we now conduct combat operations. What category you fall into is no longer defined by your career field, but has more to do with what you do on the battlefield.

For example: One of D-M's recently returned 355th Logistics Readiness Squadron Airmen served in Iraq as a convoy commander. In one instance, his convoy was stuck in the streets of Baghdad, taking enemy fire from a multi-story office building.

In order to prevail in the engagement, he was forced to call for close air support. An F-16 arrived and suppressed the hostile fire.

In that instance, the LRS mission (a convoy operation hauling supplies needed for Iraqi reconstruction) was the "operation," and the air strikes served in a support role.

The good news is that the Desert Lightning Team is leadturning this revolution, and turning up the heat in our training programs to better prepare our Airmen for mission success.

Our Ready-to-Deploy-to program now gives our Airmen hands-on training in what we used to think of as "Soldier skills."

On top of the R2D2 training, units across the base are increasing the frequency and intensity of in-house training programs to sharpen our skills even more.

Davis-Monthan's Airmen are better prepared to succeed in today's combat environment than Airmen at any point in Air Force history.

Even better: feedback from downrange tells us the Army and Marine units now ask for Airmen as their first choice for the toughest missions. That means our training programs are working, and our professional Airmen are proving themselves every day in their new surroundings.

The Air Force has a tradition of doing whatever it takes to get the job done.

The Desert Lightning team's newest crop of "operators" are carrying that tradition into the future and writing a proud new chapter in Air Force history.

# Celebrating Navy’s birthday

**By Capt. Tony Wickman**  
*Alaskan Command Public Affairs*

**Across**

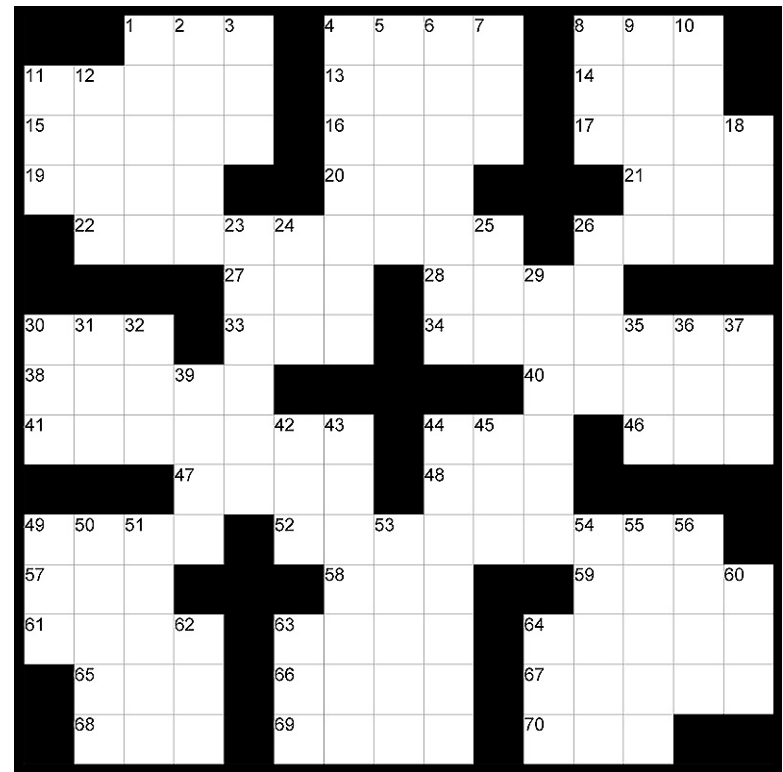
- 1. 80s music group \_\_ Lep-
- 4. Van Helsing actress Beck-
- insale
- 8. Wage
- 11. Overhead
- 13. Black in color
- 14. Overseas mil. address
- 15. Hero of the Battle of
- Manila Baay; Spanish-
- American War
- 16. Memorandum
- 17. Test answer
- 19. Perfect score (two words)
- 20. Bolt partner
- 21. Football stat
- 22. F-18 gauge
- 26. \_\_ Korbut; 4X gymnastic
- medalist (1972 Olympics)
- 27. Head movement
- 28. CAPT, CDR, CPO, PO,
- SA, etc.
- 30. Mil. abbrev. for time left
- in uniform
- 33. Flirtatious
- 34. Tarnished

- 38. \_\_ Arabia
- 40. Commodore who forced
- opening of Japan
- 41. Generates
- 44. Singer Torme
- 46. In existence
- 47. Thaw
- 48. Repeated 2X for USN
- jargon of “I understand and
- will obey”
- 49. Hanker for
- 52. James V. \_\_\_\_; SECNAV
- and first SECDEF
- 57. Scottish clan leader an
- outlaw
- 58. I.M. \_\_\_\_; American ar-
- chitect
- 59. Historic
- 61. Advanced
- 63. Rotated
- 64. Dark brown color
- 65. \_\_ Antonio
- 66. Or \_\_\_\_; ultimatum
- 67. A new candle
- 68. Explosive combo
- 69. Equal
- 70. Farewell

**Down**

- 1. Round wood pin

- 2. Occurrence
- 3. Displaying an other-
- worldly aspect
- 4. Former president, deco-
- rated WWII PT boat com-
- mander
- 5. Roughly
- 6. Stumbles
- 7. Compass dir.
- 8. Touch lightly
- 9. Tax month
- 10. Naval aviator and
- Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle
- astronaut
- 11. Oklahoma town
- 12. Greek letter
- 18. Greek letter
- 23. Encourage
- 24. Cow sound
- 25. Rodent
- 26. Haggard tune “\_\_ from
- Muskogee”
- 29. USN port in Italy; home
- to AFSOUTH
- 30. Keyboard key
- 31. Road material
- 32. Litigate
- 35. Gun lobby
- 36. Mistake
- 37. Color



(Solutions can be found on Page 25.)

- 39. Lady
- 42. Fairy
- 43. Plug
- 44. Seafarer
- 45. Descry
- 49. Circle part
- 50. Shoreline
- 51. \_\_G. Rickover; admiral
- called “Father of the Nucle-
- ar Navy”
- 53. Recycle
- 54. Infinitesimal
- 55. Pie type
- 56. 53, to Caesar
- 60. Feline
- 62. Tolkien character
- 63. Fall mon.
- 64. USN underwater boat







# Making the plays in intramural flag football

*New season brings 23 teams to challenge against 355th MOS for champion title*

**By Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle**  
*355th Wing Public Affairs*

It's fall again and that means another season of intramural flag football at Davis-Monthan.

The 23 teams of the 2005 season began practice last week and the regular season kicked off with four games Tuesday.

The teams are divided into two leagues. One

league will play Mondays and Wednesdays and the other league will play Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each team in each league will play each other at least one time.

Though the regular season just began this week, friendly competition can already be found on the playing field.

"(The) 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron is the back-to-back champion," said Staff Sgt. Alvester Johnson, 355th Services Squadron NCO in charge of sports programs. "They won the last two years. They are the team to beat right now."

The 355th MOS football team owes its repeat titles to skills honed on the gridiron, said Tech. Sgt. Ventrus Boyd, 355th Maintenance Operations

Squadron and 355th MOS flag football teammate.

"Teamwork, experience and playing hard. That's all it takes to win," he said. "We're the champions for the last two years, undefeated."

"We're on a 21-game winning streak. We haven't lost in a season and a half," said Tech. Sgt. Marcus Nash, 355th Operations Group and 355th MOS flag football teammate. "And we're going to do it again."

Though the rivalry has already begun, only time will tell which team will take home the base championship title in December.

For more information on intramural sports, call the Sports and Fitness Center at 228-0022.

Below is the schedule for the game scheduled for the 2005 season.

## 2005 Intramural flag football season schedule

The Desert Lightning team is invited to attend intramural flag football games.

The following is a list of the games scheduled as of Oct. 7. All games are played on Mustang Field next to Bama Park.

Schedules are subject to change. For more information call the Sports and Fitness Center at 288-0022.



- Monday**  
6 p.m. 755th OSS vs. 355th AMXS  
7 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 355th CES  
8 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 12th AF  
9 p.m. 355th SFS vs. 79th RQS
- Tuesday**  
6 p.m. 79th AMU vs. 755th AMXS  
7 p.m. 355th MDOS vs. 355th SVS  
8 p.m. DECA vs. 355th MOS  
9 p.m. 355th LRS vs. ARMY
- Wednesday**  
6 p.m. 43rd ECS vs. 755th OSS  
7 p.m. 355th SFS vs. 355th CS/AMARC  
8 p.m. 79th RQS vs. 355th AMXS  
9 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 355th OSS
- Thursday**  
6 p.m. 355th AMXS vs. 55th HMU  
7 p.m. 355th MOS vs. 355th SVS  
8 p.m. 25th OWS vs. 755th AMXS  
9 p.m. DECA vs. 355th LRS
- Oct. 24**  
6 p.m. 355th CES vs. 12th AF  
7 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 355th CS/AMARC  
8 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 355th SFS  
9 p.m. 355th OSS vs. 79th RQS
- Oct. 25**  
6 p.m. 355th MDOS vs. ARMY  
7 p.m. 55th HMU vs. 355th EMS 2  
8 p.m. 355th AMXS vs. 355th EMS 2  
9 p.m. DECA vs. 355th LRS
- Oct. 26**  
6 p.m. 43rd ECS vs. 355th AMXS 2  
7 p.m. 355th EMS vs. 12th AF  
8 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 355th SFS

- Oct. 27**  
6 p.m. 355th MDOS vs. 355th LRS  
7 p.m. 55th HMU vs. 755th AMXS  
8 p.m. 25th OWS vs. 79th AMU  
9 p.m. 355th MOS vs. ARMY
- Nov. 1**  
6 p.m. 355th AMXS vs. 755th AMXS  
7 p.m. 25th OWS vs. 55th HMU  
8 p.m. 79th AMU vs. 355th EMS 2  
9 p.m. DECA vs. ARMY
- Nov. 2**  
6 p.m. 355th CES vs. 355th CS/AMARC  
7 p.m. 355th OSS vs. 755th OSS  
8 p.m. 43rd ECS vs. 79th RQS
- Nov. 3**  
6 p.m. 355th MDOS vs. 355th MOS  
7 p.m. 355th LRS vs. 355th SVS  
8 p.m. 55th HMU vs. ARMY  
9 p.m. 79th AMU vs. DECA
- Nov. 7**  
6 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 355th CS/AMARC  
7 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 355th CES  
8 p.m. 355th SFS vs. 12th AF  
9 p.m. 355th OSS vs. 355th AMXS
- Nov. 8**  
6 p.m. 355th AMXS vs. 355th LRS  
7 p.m. 25th OWS vs. 355th SVS  
8 p.m. 355th EMS 2 vs. 355th MDOS  
9 p.m. 755th AMXS vs. 355th MOS
- Nov. 9**  
6 p.m. 79th RQS vs. 755th OSS  
7 p.m. 355th CES vs. 355th AMXS  
8 p.m. 355th SFS vs. 355th OSS  
9 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 43rd ECS
- Nov. 10**  
6 p.m. 79th AMU vs. 355th MDOS

- 7 p.m. 25th OWS vs. ARMY  
8 p.m. 55th HMU vs. DECA  
9 p.m. 355th AMX vs. 355th SVS
- Nov. 14**  
6 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 79th RQS  
7 p.m. 355th CS/AMARC vs. 355th AMXS 2  
8 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 755th OSS  
9 p.m. 12th AF vs. 43rd ECS
- Nov. 15**  
6 p.m. 355th EMS 2 vs. 355th MOS  
7 p.m. 755th AMXS vs. 355th LRS  
8 p.m. 355th AMXS vs. ARMY  
9 p.m. 25th OWS vs. DECA
- Nov. 16**  
6 p.m. 355th EMS 1 vs. 755th OSS  
7 p.m. 355th SFS vs. 43rd ECS  
8 p.m. 355th CES vs. 355th OSS  
9 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 355th AMXS 2
- Nov. 17**  
6 p.m. 55th HMU vs. 355th MDOS  
7 p.m. 79th AMU vs. 355th MOS  
8 p.m. 355th EMS 2 vs. 355th LRS  
9 p.m. 755th AMXS vs. 355th SVS
- Nov. 21**  
6 p.m. 355th CS/AMARC vs. 79th RQS  
7 p.m. 355th CES vs. 355th SFS  
8 p.m. 355th CMS vs. 355th OSS  
9 p.m. 12th AF vs. 755th OSS
- Nov. 22**  
6 p.m. 25th OWS vs. 355th MDOS  
7 p.m. 55th HMU vs. 355th MOS  
8 p.m. DECA vs. 355th AMXS
- Nov. 24**  
6 p.m. 79th AMU  
7 p.m. 355th EMS 2 vs. 355th SVS  
8 p.m. 755th AMXS vs. ARMY
- Nov. 28**  
6 p.m. 355th CES vs. 43rd ECS  
7 p.m. 355th CS/AMARC vs. 755th OSS  
8 p.m. 12th AF vs. 79th RQS  
9 p.m. 355th EMS vs. 355th AMXS 2

# Sports Shorts

## Ghosts And Ghouls 5k Run

The Fitness and Sports Center will host a Ghosts and Ghouls 5k run Oct. 21 at 7 a.m. Registration starts at 6:30 a.m. on Sunglow Road near the Swan Road Gate. The run is free and water will be provided.

## Golf course over seeding

Due to annual over seeding, the Blanchard Golf Course will be closed through Oct. 22. The Eagles Nest will be open for breakfast and lunch. The grill opens at 5:30 a.m. and closes at 3 p.m.

## All Hallow’s Aquathon Information

The Indoor Fitness Pool will host the All Hallow’s Aquathon Oct. 30 from 4 to 7 p m. The purpose of this event is to promote multi-sport fitness at the Indoor Fitness Pool. The event will consist of 1500-meter swim and 6-mile run and 800-meter swim and 3-mile run. A \$10 registration fee is due by Oct 28. For more informa-

tion, stop by the Indoor Fitness Pool or call 228-0015.

## Global Volksmarch

The Global Volksmarch is a 10k walk on base Oct. 29. The route will take walkers through various parts of base housing and along the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center boundaries starting and stopping at Bama Park. Participants can pre-register for this event at Outdoor Recreation or register the day of the event. Registration begins at 7 a.m. the day of the event and ends at noon in order to ensure all participants are off the course no later than 3 p.m. Participants should bring water and snacks and dress for the weather. This event will take place regardless of weather conditions. In the event of rain, the start and end point will be at Outdoor Recreation. Cost for the American Volkssports Association stamp will be \$2.50 per person. Those participants just wanting to walk can register with Outdoor Recreation and can participate free of charge. It is highly recommended that participants register. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 228-3736.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Clark Staehle

## Heavy metal ...

*Dennis Meray, Fort Huachuca Joint Operations Test Command, executes bicep curls at Davis-Monthan Sports and Fitness Center. Mr. Meray works out at the gym three to four times a week.*





## Chapel Information

*Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and ministries, call 228-5411.*

### Worship schedule

#### Catholic

- ◆ Saturday Mass is at 5 p.m. at Desert Dove.
- ◆ Sunday Mass is at 9:45 a.m. at Desert Dove.

#### Protestant

- ◆ Traditional service is Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Desert Lightning Fellowship (contemporary) is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Desert Dove Chapel.
- ◆ Gospel Service is Sunday at 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel.
- ◆ Sunday School classes are held for all ages from 9:45 to 1:45 a.m. in both the Hope and Desert Dove chapels.
- ◆ Children’s Church is held weekly starting at 11:30 a.m. for both the Gospel and Desert Lightning services.

## Education Services

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Base Training and Education Services, call Norma White at 228-4249, or Rafael Maldonado at 228-3484.*

### Commissioning Briefings

The Commissioning Briefings for the month of October are scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. The briefing will cover Basic Officer Training and Air Force Academy programs. The second briefing will be Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. and will cover Reserve Officer Training Corps and Medical Programs. Call the Base Training and Education Service center for more information.

### New on-line master’s program

Northern Arizona University is offering a new degree on-line titled the Master of Arts in English. This is a graduate degree with an emphasis in literacy, technology and professional writing. This 36-hour program prepares students for careers as writers and communication specialists in business, education and government. POC is Debra Castelan at 879-7932 or e-mail at [Debra.Castelan@nau.edu](mailto:Debra.Castelan@nau.edu).

### Study skills class

Pima Community College is offering Study Skills classes, titled STU 100, College Study Skills. This is a one credit class and Tuition Assistance will pay for this course. The class will be held at the Pima County Adult Education Building from 5:20 to 7 p.m., starting Oct. 20 and ending Dec. 18. Contact Pima Community College at 206-4866 for additional information.

### NAU advisor

The Northern Arizona University representative will be available Wednesday in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call Debra Castelan at 879-7932 or e-mail at [Debra.Castelan@nau.edu](mailto:Debra.Castelan@nau.edu).

### Pima Community College Fall Term II

Register now for Fall Term II. Classes run Oct. 20 through Dec. 18. For students needing to complete their CCAF degree, all classes needed are offered on base. Stop by the PCC office in Building 3200, Room 224 to pick up a registration form. More information can be found at the Web site: [www.pima.edu](http://www.pima.edu).

Students can fill out applications, take assessment tests, schedule an advising appointment or attend orientation on base. Call 206-4866 for more information.

### University of Phoenix advisor

The University of Phoenix representative will be available Oct. 25 from 1:30 to 3:30 in Building 3200, Room 243. Appointments and walk-ins are welcome. Contact Melissa Hastings, 239-5202 or Ray Bishop at 239-5242 for more information.

## Family Support Center

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Family Support Center, call 228-5690.*

### Time For Tots

The next Time for Tots will be held Oct. 19 and 26 at Desert Dove Chapel from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come and meet other parents while the children enjoy fun and activities. For more information, call the Family Support Center.

### Right Start Base Orientation

Right Start Base Orientation is designed to welcome all newcomers to Davis-Monthan and the Tucson area. Leadership and base agencies discuss a variety of programs and services available.

The next orientation is Oct. 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Officer’s Club. Free childcare is available through the Permanent Change of Station Childcare Program. Childcare must be arranged ahead of time. Contact the Family Support Center to arrange childcare or for more information.

### Veteran’s Affairs Claims

#### Assistance Brief

Veteran’s Affairs representative provides group appointments concerning veterans and disability benefits. This briefing will take place on Oct. 24 at 1:00 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 243.

## Clubs

*For more information on programs and services at the Mirage Officers’ Club, call 228-3301 or at the Desert Oasis Enslited Club, call 228-228-3100.*

### Texas Hold’em Barbeque

The Desert Oasis Club will host a Texas Hold’em tournament starting at 5 p.m., Oct. 27. Cost is \$20 for non-club members and \$10 for members and includes a deluxe barbeque buffet. Membership applications will be available for

anyone who would like to sign up for club membership. New members receive a temporary club card at time of sign up and are instantly eligible for all club discounts, promotions, and benefits including Services Bucks and \$10 off the non-member fee.

### ACC Dollar Days dinner

All club members and family members are invited to The Mirage Oct. 21 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m for the Air Combat Command Dollar Days Family Dinner. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner for just a buck! During ACC Dollar Days events, members are treated to \$1 lunches and family nights each quarter. The ACC Dollar Days are “all ranks” events. For more information, stop by the club or call 228-3301.

### German Ala Carte Dinner

The Mirage Officers’ Club will host an all ranks German Ala Carte Dinner Oct. 28 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a full German menu with three courses and a complimentary glass of wine for \$14.95 for adults (members receive a \$2 discount), \$6.95 for children ages 6 to 12 years and free for children ages 5 and under. Reservations are highly encouraged. For more information call The Mirage Officers’ Club.

## Outdoor Recreation

*For more information on programs and services through Outdoor Recreation, call 228-*

### Upcoming trips and tours

- ◆ San Diego Deep Sea Fishing Trip, Oct. 21 through 23; Cost: \$220. Sign up by today.
- ◆ Disneyland Trip, Oct. 28 through 30; Cost: \$160-\$300. Sign up by today.
- ◆ Seven Falls Hike, Nov. 5; Cost: \$10. Sign up by Nov. 2.
- ◆ Las Vegas Trip, Nov. 11 through 13; Cost: \$140. Sign up by Nov. 1.
- ◆ Beginner Rock Climbing Course, Nov. 12; Cost: \$115. Sign up by Oct. 28.
- ◆ Dolly Steamboat Dinner Cruise, Nov. 19; Cost: adult \$75 and child \$55. Sign up by Nov. 19.
- ◆ Scottsdale Fashion Square Christmas Shopping, Dec. 3; Cost: \$15. Sign up by Nov. 26.

For more information or to sign up, stop by or call ODR at 228-3736 or ITT at 228-3700.

## Child Development Center

*For more information on programs and services provided by the Child Development Center, call 228-4933.*

### CDC Fall Festival and Family Fun Day

The D-M Child Development Center is hosting a Fall Festival for all of their families Oct. 27, at 5:30 p.m. There will be games, crafts, carnival activities, a cake walk, and a pumpkin patch for the children. The event will serve as an opportunity for the D-M CDC families to interact with children and intermingle with other families in a fun and inviting environment. Each person must bring in one nonperishable food item for admission. This event is for CDC children only. For more information call 228-4933.





**LEFT:** During the Southwest Oktoberfest Oct. 8 at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club, families from Davis-Monthan were able to participate in various activities including: race car pit-stop challenge (tire changing), cow milking, cup stacking, log-sawing and nail-hammering competitions.

**BELOW:** The 755th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron bedrace team races to complete the course in the shortest amount of time during the Oktoberfest here Oct. 8. Team members assigned to the 755th AMXS are Staff Sgt. Laquita Pierce, Staff Sgt. Christopher Russell, Staff Sgt. Michael McAlister, Airman 1st Class Benjamin Salcido and Airman 1st Class Anthony Parrish. Staff Sgt. Timothy Goss, Senior Airman Derek Guikema, Tech. Sgt. David Haycraft, Airman 1st Class Tyler Graham and Airman 1st Class Randy Hoffman, all assigned to the 355th Component Maintenance Squadron, took home first place during the bedrace. The second place bedrace winners, assigned to the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, were Airman 1st Class Adam Combs, Airman 1st Class Kim Brand, Airman 1st Class Brandon Stuckey, Airman Brandon Thorn and Airman 1st Class Andrew Wilcox. The winners from the bedrace divided more than \$1,500 in cash, club credit certificates and prizes.



Photos by Frances Pientack

## Happenings

### Borman Elementary Carnival

The 2nd Annual Borman Elementary Carnival will be held Oct. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Palo Verde Housing. Admission to the event is free for all with a small charge for rides, games, food and a One Stop Shop and Book Fair. For more information, call 584-4600.

### Halloween Bowling Tournament

The 355th Medical Group will sponsor a bowling tournament Oct. 28. At 9 p.m., judging will take place for the best Halloween decorated common room for each dorm. The winners will be given a prize to enhance their common-room area. The bowling tournament will start at 10 p.m. at the Bowling Center with teams of four. Trophies will be given for the best costumes in male and female categories. Free drinks and pizza will be provided. This event is free to active-duty members under 21 years of age. E-mail [brian.medaugh@dm.af.mil](mailto:brian.medaugh@dm.af.mil) to sign up a team.

### Retiree appreciation/orientation day

The Retiree appreciation/orientation day will be held at the Mirage Officers' Club Oct. 26 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All retirees and soon-to-be retirees from all services, as well as military widows, are invited to attend. The guest speaker will be the 13th chief master sergeant of the Air Force and the present co-chair of the Air Force Retiree Council, Frederick "Jim" Finch. Guest speakers will discuss topics such as Tricare, medical and dental, legal assistance and estate planning, Veterans Affairs, commissary and exchange services and more. For more information and reservations, call 228-5100.

## Auto Hobby Shop

For more information on programs and services at the Auto Hobby Shop, call 228-3614.

### Car And Motorcycle Show

The D-M Auto Hobby Shop will host the 2nd annual Car And Motorcycle Show Oct. 29, at Bama Park. This year's event will be bigger with

21 classes of vehicles including cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Trophies will be given for best in each class and best of show in three categories. Registration forms are available at the Auto Hobby Shop or can be downloaded at [www.dm-servicesonline.com](http://www.dm-servicesonline.com). For more information, stop by the Auto Hobby Shop in Building 4531.

## Movies

### Today and Saturday

Red Eye (PG-13)  
7 p.m.

### Sunday

The Cave (PG-13)  
2 p.m. (All admission \$1.50)

Regular admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children 11 and younger. Call 228-5694 for the theater movie recording.





